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REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-14 contain allowable subject matter.

A. Claim Objections

Applicants submit with this response an amendment that corrects the informalities pointed out by the Examiner – claims 9-14 and 36-48 are all presented with underlining. If the Examiner would prefer a different format, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney and indicate the correction needed.

B. Double Patenting Rejection

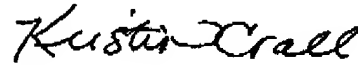
The Examiner has rejected claims 36-48 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent No. 5,702,389 and claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent No. 5,728,905. Although Applicants do not agree that the claims of this application are obvious over those of these patents, in an attempt to expedite prosecution and without conceding the correctness or applicability of the Examiner's rejection, Applicants are filing two terminal disclaimers with this response, one addressing each cited patent, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-14 and 36-48 and issuance of a patent containing these claims in due course. If there remain any additional issues to be addressed, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at 404.815.6147.

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